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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: WHO, PFOR, PORG, IS, XF
SUBJECT: ARAB-ISRAELI ISSUES IN WHO

REFS: (A) GENEVA 2930, (B) STATE 91899

1. EYTAN RONN, POLITICAL ADVISOR TO THE FOREIGN
MINISTER FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND FORMER
ISRAELI AMBASSADOR TO GENEVA, BRIEFED US APRIL 25
ON THE CURRENT STATE OF AFFAIRS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND
WHO. WE DISCUSSED WITH HIM THE RECENT MEETING
BETWEEN OFFICERS OF U.S. MISSION GENEVA AND WHO
DIRECTOR GENERAL MAHLER. WE ALSO ASKED ABOUT THE
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ISRAELI RESPONSE TO THE APRIL 7 LETTER REGARDING
A VISIT BY THE WHO COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS TO THE
OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND ABOUT ISRAELI VIEWS
OF THE MAY ASSEMBLY.

2. RONN INFORMED US THAT THE REPLY TO THE APRIL 7
LETTER HAD ALREADY BEEN SENT. THE LETTER WAS

MAILED TO WHO APRIL 22 AND THE TEXT WAS CABLED APRIL 25 TO THE ISRAELI MISSION IN GENEVA. RONN SAID THE REPLY SUGGESTS THAT ANY DECISION REGARDING THE VISIT BE POSTPONED UNTIL THE SUMMER BUT POINTS OUT THAT ORGANIZING THE VISIT WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE WHA RESOLUTION IS UNACCEPTABLE TO ISRAEL. HE ADDED THAT A FINAL DECISION REGARDING THE ACCEPTANCE BY ISRAEL OF THE VISIT HAS NOT YET BEEN MADE. THAT DECISION WILL DEPEND ON THE VIEWS OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT AND ON THE COURSE OF EVENTS AT THE WHA NEXT MONTH.

3. RONN ADDED HIS PERSONAL COMMENTS ABOUT THE WHO, MAHLER AS DIRECTOR GENERAL, AND THE LIKELY COURSE OF THE ARAB-ISRAELI ISSUE. HE SAID THE U.S. LETTER OF INTENT TO WITHDRAW FROM THE ILO HAD COME AS A REAL SHOCK TO MAHLER, WHO REGARDS THAT ACTION AS THE FIRST REVERSAL AFTER A LONG STRING OF ARAB SUCCESSES IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. HE SAID THAT MAHLER DOES NOT KNOW HOW TO HANDLE THE PLO NOR WHAT TO EXPECT FROM IT. HE WAS SURPRISED AND DISAPPOINTED THAT THE PLO DID NOT SEEK THE HELP OF THE WHO EVEN THOUGH HE HAD, PURSUANT TO WHAT HE PERCEIVED TO BE HIS INSTRUCTIONS, OFFERED TO COOPERATE WITH THE PLO IN HEALTH MATTERS IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. HE SAID THAT MAHLER'S GUIDING PHILOSOPHY IS THAT HE IS IN GENEVA TO SERVE THE WHO BUT NOT TO GUIDE OR INFLUENCE ITS DECISIONS. CONFIDENTIAL

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HE SAID MAHLER IS NAIVE AND DOES NOT UNDERSTAND THE BUREAURACY OF HIS ORGANIZATION.

4. RONN ALSO SAID THAT ISRAEL EXPECTS AN UNFAVORABLE RESOLUTION IN NEXT MONTH'S WHA. WHILE IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN EXPECTED THAT AFTER LAST YEAR'S EXPERIENCE THE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS WOULD NOT WANT TO UNDERTAKE ANOTHER VISIT TO THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND THAT THE GOI COULD NOT REASONABLY BE EXPECTED TO ACCEPT THE SAME OR A RECONSTITUTED TEAM, CLEARLY THE ASSEMBLY WILL MOVE IN THAT DIRECTION. HE SAID THAT ISRAEL EXPECTS ANOTHER CONDEMNATORY RESOLUTION WHICH WILL CONTAIN MOST IF NOT ALL OF THE FOLLOWING POINTS: CRITICISM OF ISRAEL FOR NOT RECEIVING THE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS AS A COMMITTEE; A DEMAND THAT A NEW COMMITTEE BE RECEIVED, A DEMAND THAT THE VISIT BE SCHEDULED IMMEDIATELY; THE THREAT OF SANCTIONS, INCLUDING ARTICLE 7 SUSPENSION; AND THE THREAT OF

SUSPENSION FROM THE MIDDLE EAST REGIONAL
GROUP IN WHO.
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